

Senate Amendment 5250

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1 1 Amend House File 2462, as amended, passed, and
1 2 reprinted by the House, as follows:
1 3 #1. Page 1, by inserting after line 21 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. _____. CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE DIVERSION
1 6 PILOT PROJECT. The department of human services shall
1 7 implement a child in need of assistance diversion
1 8 pilot project in at least twelve counties, involving
1 9 equal proportions of small, medium, and large
1 10 counties. The purposes of the project are to divert
1 11 selected child abuse and neglect cases that may
1 12 otherwise result in a child in need of assistance
1 13 adjudication, improve permanency for children, promote
1 14 family unification, and reduce state expenditures
1 15 associated with adjudication of child in need of
1 16 assistance cases. Under the pilot project, unless the
1 17 department determines that the pilot project approach
1 18 would not be in the child's best interest, prior to a
1 19 petition for a child's removal being filed, the
1 20 department shall conduct a full case staffing for the
1 21 child's case. The staffing participants shall include
1 22 but are not limited to relevant treatment providers,
1 23 the child's parent or guardian, and other persons
1 24 involved with the child. The department shall report
1 25 to the governor and the general assembly regarding the
1 26 effectiveness of the pilot project. An interim report
1 27 shall be submitted by December 15, 2005, and a final
1 28 report by December 15, 2006.>
1 29 2. By renumbering as necessary.
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